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A NEW FRUIT PIGEON FROM NEPAL

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Three races of the green fruit pigeon, *Treron pompadora*, have been recognized from India: *T. p. affinis* from western India (Bombay southward), *T. p. pompadora* from Ceylon, and *T. p. phayrei* (type locality Tounghoo, Burma) from Bengal eastward through Assam to Indochina (Peters, 1937, Check-list Bds. World, **3**: 15). One of the results of the junior author's collecting in Nepal in 1950 and 1952 was a series of six specimens of this species. This series somewhat extended the range of the *phayrei* type to the northwest, and the specimens are different enough from *phayrei* of Bengal and Assam to consider them a different subspecies. This we name:

Treron pompadora conoveri subsp. nov.

Type.—Chicago Natural History Museum no. 215953 from Butwal, Nepal. Adult male collected January 25, 1950, by R. L. Fleming.

Diagnosis.—Most like *T. pompadora phayrei* but differs as follows: In the male the throat is a deeper and more intense yellow; the orange of the upper breast is more extensive and more orange, less pink; the lower breast and abdomen are darker and more greenish (instead of paler and more grayish green); the hind neck is darker and greener (not paler and grayish green). The partly concealed yellow in the lower flanks is also more extensive and brighter; in the female the yellow of the throat is more vivid, and more extensive; the rest of the under parts are darker and greener (less grayish), and the upper parts are slightly clearer and deeper green.

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Measurements.—Wing, male 156, 157; female 153, 156, 156, 164 mm.

Range.—Known only from the type locality, Butwal, in west central Nepal, where it was fairly common in the forest.

Remarks.—The junior author in India noted the characters of this race, and the senior author compared additional material and completed the manuscript when the specimens arrived in Chicago. This race is named in honor of the late Boardman Conover, who took an active part in planning and financing the Nepal expedition.

Specimens examined.—*T. p. conoveri:* Butwal, 2 males, 4 females. *T. p. phayrei:* Bengal, 1 male; Assam, 3 males, 5 females; Burma, 1 female; Siam, 2 males, 1 female.

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